Reviving of advisory committees for AIR and TV programmes

1413. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revive the advisory Committees in all regional languages about the AIR and TV programmes; and

(b) if so, by when such Committees are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) AIR already has Programme Advisory Committees constituted at sixtyone AIR stations and their function is to advise the stations in the broadcast of programmes relevant to the listening population covered by the station and in the various regional languages. As such there is no felt need for having separate Advisory Committee in the regional languages. A similar position exists with reference to TV.

(b) Does not arise.

DAVP advertisemens to Urdu dailies

1414. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Urdu dailies and weeklies published from various States which had applied for the release of DAVP advertisements during the last two years; and

(b) the names of Urdu dailies and weeklies which have been given DAVP advertisements during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Names of Urdu [illegible] for DAVP advertisements during the last two years as also which were given advertisements in 1985-86 and 1986-87 are given in the enclosed Annexures. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 55 and 56).

Measures to solve drinking water shortage

1415. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total population affected by shortage of drinking water including Gujarat;

(b) what are the short-term and long-term measures worked out or planned to mitigate drinking water shortage.

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to lift water thrown into the sea from the rivers like Narmada by way if sea transport like collapsible polythine water tanks tugged to dry areas; and

(d) what are the long-term plans to solve drinking and the irrigation water problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) As per reports received from States|UTs during the current drought of 1987, a population of 28.58 crores has been affected by drought. Out of this the population affected by shortage of drinking water is approx. 5 crores including that in Gujarat.

(b) Short-term measures such as supply of drinking water through tankers by road and rail, rejuvenation of dried up wells and tubewells, augmentation of existing water supply srhemes, etc. and long-term measures such as formulation and implementation of permanent water supply schemes based on piped water systems [illegible]